

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 13 are rejected. Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16 and 21 are objected to for specified informalities and claims 2-12 and 14-25 are objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

In response, Applicants cancel independent claims 1 and 13, amend dependent claims as shown above to overcome the specified informalities, cancel some of the dependent claims to eliminate improper multiple dependencies, add new claims 26-51 to preserve several combinations of dependent claim features, and amend remaining claims to rewrite them into independent form.

In addition, Applicants amend claims 17-19 to correct informalities that are not specified in the Office Action. The informalities in claims 18 and 19 are analogous to those in claims 6 and 7.

CONCLUSION

Applicants amend the claims as described above and request reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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